

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 6, 2009. Applicant has amended claims 1, 9 and 22 and cancelled claims 2, 3, 19-21 and 23-24. Claims 1, 4, 6-15, 19-22, 26-35, and 56 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 23 and 24 as including subject matter that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

In this amendment, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 to include all of the subject matter from allowable dependent claims 2 and 3. Applicant has also amended independent claim 9 in a manner similar to independent claim 1 so as to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claims 2 and 3. Applicant has amended claim 22 to include allowable subject matter from claims 23 and 24. Applicant has amended the claims in this matter solely for purposes of expediting prosecution.

Consequently, based on the presently allowed subject matter, this Amendment places all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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